

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Public Service & Safety

*John McAlister, Chair
Shane Ewald
Brian Larick*

Members Absent: Shane W. Ewald

Members Present: John McAlister and Brian Larick

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Chief Dennis Murphy, Mayor Stinchcomb, Karl Wetherholt, Mike Andrako, Dottie Franey, Terry Emery.

ISSUES - From City Engineer:

ODOT Agreement

Wetherholt said ODOT is planning to rehabilitate a section of I-270 from Hamilton Road to Broad Street; part of area passes thru Gahanna; just starting the process now and need consent legislation; no funding is required; work is to be done in 2014.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

Accept Deed - Parcel 025-001811

Wetherholt said this is a piece of property that is orphaned; was part of a much bigger parcel; the old Big Bear Shopping Center tract on Agler; when I-670 and 62 projects went in it was left; is completely wooded area; alongside the freeway, outside fence adjacent to library property.

Kneeland asked what the cost to maintain it will be, and will the City ever utilize it, and for what. Wetherholt said the taxes on it are \$83 a year; is wooded area so should not be any maintenance costs. Emery said we have discussed that it would be appropriate for a tower if we needed one in that area some day.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:

Streets Overtime Account

Emery said we shared with you several weeks ago the results of the winter and cost associated with snow events; asking to shift funds from a previous supplemental that Council granted; transfer from those funds into our Streets Overtime account; have a \$16,000 deficit currently; this would also help get us through the end of the year.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

Shull Ave. & Carpenter Rd. Water Improvements - Award Contract

Emery said we bid the Shull/Carpenter waterline and would like to proceed with the lowest bidder; this is EPA mandated to improve deficient waterlines to bring to 8" lines; asking for emergency legislation so work can begin as soon as school is out and be completed during this summer; funding is from proprietary funds and included in 2010 budget.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

Shull Ave. & Carpenter Rd. Water Improvements - Inspection Services

We would like to award the inspection services contract to Watcon Consulting; they were the design engineer and their office is on Shull; funding was also included in the 2010 appropriations; asking for emergency for this one too.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

West Gahanna Sanitary Sewer Project - Right-of-Way Easements

Emery said this is for the Ballard, Cherry, Shara Park, Debra Lane area sanitary sewer improvement; to purchase permanent right of way; need 10 separate ordinances; funding was appropriated.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

ISSUES - From Chief of Police:**School Resource Officers Contract**

Chief Murphy said the school wants to continue the resource officers at the high school for next school year; requesting legislation as their contract expires on June 30, 2010. After question from McAlister, Chief and Mayor said three years. Chief said the high school is our largest customer; have 2,500 students in a small area; Officers Blamer and Estepp have a good rapport with the kids and can keep it from boiling over; they make arrests and have a good handle on things there. Mayor said we get a lot of good comments on both officers and how they handle things there. Chief said last year it was \$116,000 for the two officers; are estimating \$122,000 this year because we do not have a total yet; schools pay half of their salaries.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

ISSUES - From Clerk of Council:**Liquor Permit Transfer - Granville Street Tavern**

Jernigan said the Police Department has no objections.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

Donna Jernigan, Sr. Deputy Clerk of Council